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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 6, 2007**. While warm, dry weather early in the week allowed producers to make significant progress in row crop planting, timely rainfall throughout the entire State late in the week helped to tremendously improve parched crops and pastures. Hay producers have continued to worked diligently to harvest cool-season grasses and much effort is being made to produce a high-quality crop. Soil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 28 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 05/06/07

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	100	99	100	99
Corn, emerged	99	97	97	94
Cotton, planted	37	13	66	63
Cotton, emerged	11	2	51	38
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	42	28	34	42
Peanuts, planted	12	5	23	5
Rice, planted	87	63	92	83
Rice, emerged	61	33	82	62
Sorghum, planted	64	34	91	80
Sorghum, emerged	33	22	81	62
Soybeans, planted	72	50	90	75
Soybeans, emerged	47	32	82	58
Watermelons, planted	92	85	76	86
Winter Wheat, heading	99	97	98	98
Winter Wheat, mature	4	--	--	--

Crop condition for week ending 05/06/07

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	1	8	63	28
Corn	0	5	19	55	21
Livestock	5	13	25	42	15
Pasture	5	9	30	39	17
Rice	0	0	13	78	9
Soybeans	0	2	24	65	9
Watermelons	0	0	29	43	28
Winter Wheat	6	9	24	47	14

Comments

“Corn spot planting due to freeze/frost damage on Easter Sunday and another heavy frost on the 16th of April is complete. Soybeans were planted up until the rain set in on Thursday of this week. We received a good, general rain Thursday night.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Rainfall across the area was scattered this past week. Planting of soybeans and cotton were the main activities.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“The rain Thursday evening was just a blessing! We got 1.5 - 2 inches across Rankin County. Many row crop and forage producers were starting to suffer due to the lack of rain.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Timely rain late last week has crops really growing. Corn looks great at this stage, but we do have southern corn rootworm in several acres that will need replanting. Watermelons continue to look good. Pastures are a little slow in responding.”

— Victor Lee, Simpson

“Much needed rains came and planting is underway.”

— Mike Steede, George

“We are still under the average rainfall, but have begun to have a weekly shower or rain. More is promised over the weekend.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

“All crops but wheat look much better.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Some wheat fields were severely damaged by the Easter freeze and will not be harvested. Corn planting is complete and soybean planting is underway.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Cotton planting continued around showers since we were not forecasted to get any significant amount of rain. Corn is looking better.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“A much-needed rain fell over the area last week. Weather permitting, cotton and soybean planting should be completed this week.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Thunderstorms and winds descended on Sunflower County Thursday night with a vengeance. Corn and wheat suffered from the wind. The rainfall was around 2" in some areas.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“We missed the rains as they fell north and south of us. The replanted corn is looking good and cotton is going in quickly. Insects have been very isolated, with one corn field taken out by corn rootworm larvae.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Corn looks good. The wheat crops look good in most of my area. We should be harvesting the wheat crop shortly. The farmers are beginning to put the cotton crop in the ground. We finally got some rain; it was getting DRY. The rain fell on Thursday evening, May 3rd. Reported rainfall ranged from 1 inch to as high a 4 inches. Most of my area of got a good wetting.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“A lot of ryegrass hay was harvested last week. Summer grasses are progressing well since we received some much needed rain. The corn crop is up to a real good stand and the blueberry crop looks real promising.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“Scattered rainfall amounts have varied and soil conditions are still very dry for this time of year. All efforts are being made to harvest high quality hay.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

“Weekly showers continue to move through our area helping enhance the growth of vegetables, crops, and pastures. Most sweet corn is beginning to tassel out and show promise of a good crop. Ryegrass hay harvest is almost complete.”

— Billy Joe Lee Pearl, River

“Although there is still a deficit, rainfall received weekly has been beneficial for all crops. Grazing is improving and producers are cutting cool season hay. Crops such as corn, watermelons and blueberries are benefiting from weekly rains and should have good yields.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

Corn, blueberries, and cattle are really performing well. We've had, and continue to have, excellent hay harvest weather. I am sorry to report that we did have a farm accident while harvesting hay that resulted in a fatality.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 05/06/07													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Cleveland	87	54	72	67	5	1.10	-0.09	2	4.01				
Lambert	91	52	75			1.84	0.59	4	4.58				
Tunica	87	62	74	67	7	0.52	-0.81	4	2.86				
Extreme/Average	91	52	74	68	6	1.15	-0.10	3	3.81				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	88	51	72	66	6	1.28	0.01	3	3.04				
Hickory Flat	88	47	70	64	6	1.48	0.22	3	3.76				
Independence	85	51	71	65	6	1.68	0.49	3	4.45				
Oxford	87	53	73	65	8	0.95	-0.31	4	2.93				
Extreme/Average	88	47	72	66	6	1.34	0.10	3	3.55				
Northeast													
Booneville				65		0.02	-1.35	2	1.99				
Iuka	88	46	70	62	8	0.23	-1.13	2	1.52				
Ripley	87	48	70	64	6	0.57	-0.69	3	4.26				
Tupelo	88	55	73			0.27	0.00	2	1.96				
Verona	89	52	72	66	6	0.27	-0.85	2	1.79				
Extreme/Average	89	46	71	66	5	0.27	-1.01	2	2.30				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	86	60	74	69	5	1.10	-0.16	4	4.64				
Rolling Fork	89	57	74	68	6	2.16	0.90	3	5.83				
Stoneville	88	63	76	69	7	0.96	-0.30	5	4.12				
Yazoo City				69		0.00	-1.33	0	1.00				
Extreme/Average	89	57	74	69	5	1.01	-0.22	3	3.90				
Central													
Canton				69		0.00	-1.40	0	0.57				
Carthage	86	47	69	67	2	0.00	-1.33	0	1.36				
Eupora	88	46	70	66	4	0.26	-0.94	2	1.67				
Lexington	87	50	71	66	5	0.98	-0.26	2	3.44				
Extreme/Average	88	46	70	67	3	0.31	-0.98	1	1.76				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	88	48	72	66	6	0.28	-0.97	2	2.27				
Houston	87	43	70	65	5	0.11	-1.11	3	1.57				
State University	89	52	73	67	6	0.09	-1.10	3	1.39				
Extreme/Average	89	43	72	67	5	0.16	-1.06	3	1.74				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	89	56	74	69	5	1.18	-0.02	1	3.31				
Natchez	87	56	74	70	4	0.22	-1.09	1	1.14				
Oakley				68		1.62	0.45	1	2.94				
Vicksburg	87	56	74			1.50	0.00	2	3.30				
Extreme/Average	89	56	74	69	5	1.13	-0.22	1	2.67				
South-Central													
Collins	87	54	71	68	3	0.20	-1.14	2	4.35				
Columbia	88	58	74	70	4	1.33	0.00	2	6.59				
Tylertown				69		1.20	-0.13	1	5.55				
Extreme/Average	88	54	72	69	3	0.91	-0.34	2	5.49				
Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Hattiesburg				70		0.74	-0.52	2	2.05				
Laurel	90	54	73	68	5	0.41	-0.81	1	4.15				
Newton	89	45	69	67	2	0.32	-0.79	1	2.34				
Extreme/Average	90	45	71	68	3	0.49	-0.71	1	2.85				
Coastal													
Gulfport	83	61	75	72	3	0.00	-1.26	0	2.71				
Picayune	88	57	73	70	3	0.80	-0.39	1	4.70				
Extreme/Average	88	57	74	71	3	0.40	-0.83	1	3.71				
State	91	43	73	68	5	0.72	-0.53	2	3.18				

DFN = Departure from Normal.